SN 09/782,324 Docket No. S-94,752 In Response to Office Action dated July 17, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 28-33 are pending in the present patent application.

Applicant acknowledges the examiner's final disposition that claim 33 is restricted. Therefore, applicant kindly requests claim 33 be canceled.

Claims 28-32 are rejected under 35USC112 2nd paragraph for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The examiner comments that "Applicant's claimed invention does not specify the order of the steps and in order to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, order needs to be specified."

In response the examiner's remarks, applicant has amended independent claim 28 to limit the claimed invention to the order of the steps as recited in claim 28.

The examiner is requested to allow claims 28-32 and to pass this case to issue.

Applicant's attorney would be pleased to further discuss this matter by telephone with the examiner if the examiner concludes such a discussion would assist in moving this case to issue.

No new matter has been added as a result of the amendment.

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